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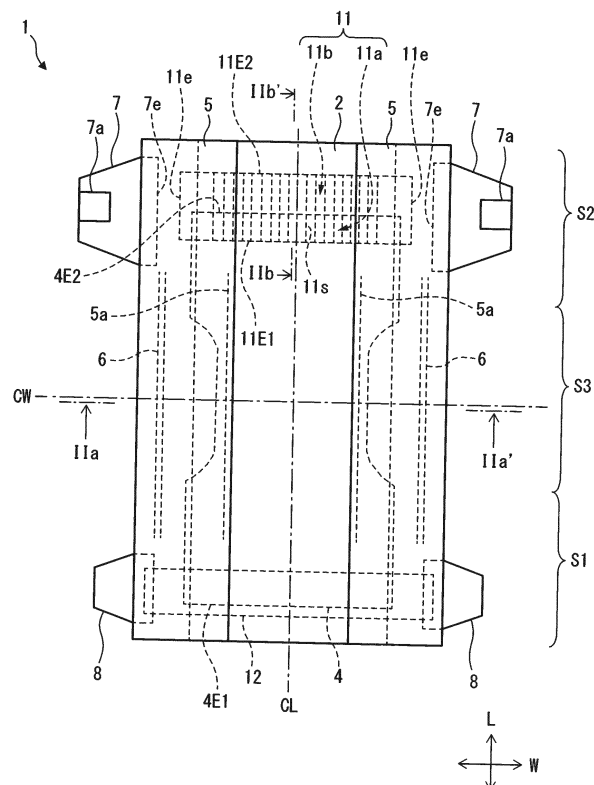
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(54) **ABSORBENT ARTICLE**

(57) An absorbent article (1) comprises a front sheet (2), a back sheet (3), and an absorbent body (4) situated in a laminate of the front sheet and back sheet. It further comprises a waist expandable-and-shrinkable member (11) disposed in the laminate so as to be expandable and shrinkable in the widthwise direction W, and a pair of side expandable-and-shrinkable members (7, 7) formed on a perimeter of the laminate, so as to be expandable and shrinkable in the widthwise direction. One and the other of the pair of side expandable-and-shrinkable members are formed on the one edge and the other edge, respectively, in the widthwise direction of the laminate. The waist expandable-and-shrinkable member overlaps with each of the pair of side expandable-and-shrinkable members in the lengthwise direction, is situated on a non-skin side in the thickness direction with respect to the absorbent body, and overlaps but is non-bonded to the absorbent body in the thickness direction.

FIG. 1





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